

# INFAMOUS IRON MAN

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Victor Von Doom has lived a lifetime of devious infamy as Doctor Doom--but recent events, including the sudden, almost fatal incapacitation of Tony Stark, A.K.A. Iron Man, have inspired Doom to dedicate his life to more heroic pursuits...as the **INFAMOUS IRON MAN**.

Victor recently discovered that his mother, the dark arts master Cynthia Von Doom, was alive and wanted to rekindle their relationship--but there's a dark version of Reed Richards whispering in her ear at every turn, and his motives are still unknown. This version of Reed also approached Ben Grimm, A.K.A. the Thing, and asked him to kill the man who was Doctor Doom.

When Victor was captured by S.H.I.E.L.D., his mother came to his aid--but when she whisked him away to safety, he quickly discovered that she was not who she claimed to be. Before he could act on his realization, Reed Richards appeared, and did something so horrifying that it sent Victor Von Doom himself running in fear.

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# PROJECT PEGASUS

MOUNT ATHENA, NEW YORK.

PEGASUS ONE, ALL CLEAR.

PEGASUS TWO, ALSO ALL CLEAR.

PEGASUS THREE?

...  
PEGASUS THREE? COME IN.

PEGASUS THREE, DO YOU--  
WHAACHAMAMMA!

MY NAME IS DR. STEPHEN STRANGE.

I WAS SUMMONED.

KARNASSA'S WAY,  
ANCIENT MAGICALLY  
IMBUED KEY GRANTING  
LIMITED AND PAINFUL  
TELEPORTATION.

DOCTOR,  
GOOD!

I'M SHARON CARTER, ACTING  
DIRECTOR OF S.H.I.E.L.D.

WE'VE MET  
BEFORE, BUT IT'S  
BEEN A LONG  
TIME.

I HAVE TO SAY,  
MISS CARTER, YOUR  
CALL WAS RATHER...  
INTRIGUING.

IT  
WAS 6#%&  
CRAZY.

I DIDN'T  
WANT TO GET  
TECHNICAL.

FOLLOW  
ME.





ANY UPDATES  
SINCE LAST WE  
SPOKE?

NO.

HAS  
HE TRIED TO  
ESCAPE?

NO.

I  
MAY HAVE  
TRIED.

YOU?

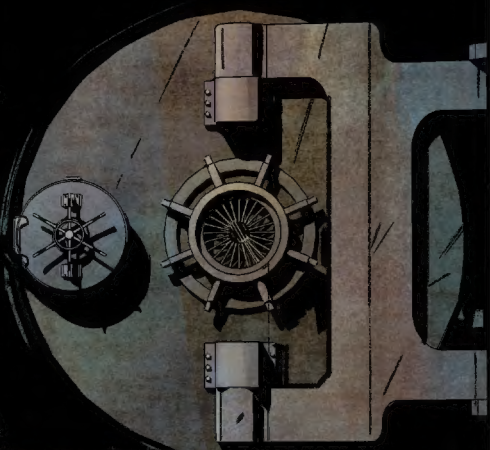
I'M TIRED  
AND I WANT TO  
GO HOME.

I'M  
SURE.

HAS HE SAID  
ANYTHING?

WELL, WE'RE  
HERE.

ASK HIM  
YOURSELF...







DOCTOR POOM.

STEPHEN STRANGE, GOOD.

THIS SAVES ME A TRIP.

I WAS GOING TO COME VISIT YOU.

EVENTUALLY.



WHY HAVEN'T YOU ESCAPED THIS?

YOU EASILY CAN.

NOT NECESSARILY.

I'M NOT SURE THAT POOR WAS MADE ON THIS PLANET.

BUT REGARDLESS, DOCTOR...



NEVERTHELESS...



...I AM TRYING TO DO THE RIGHT THING.

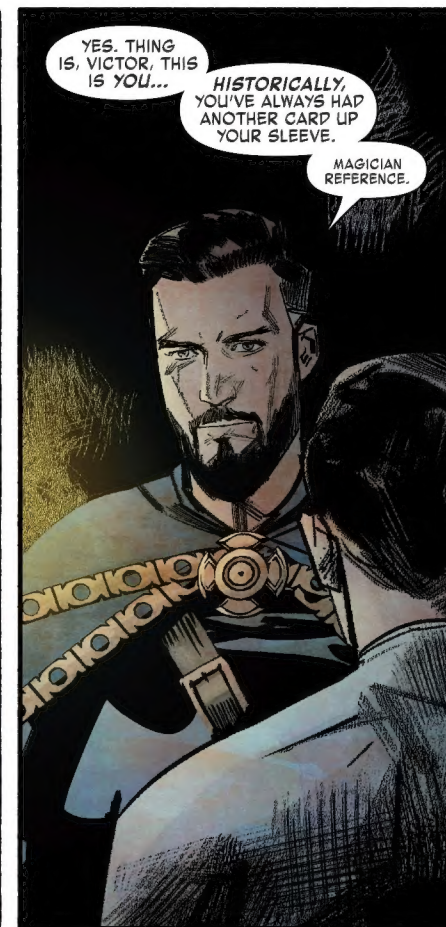
YES.

THIS IS WHAT I HEAR.

WHY THE TURN?

BECAUSE I WAS WRONG.

YOU WERE THERE FOR SOME OF IT.



YES. THING IS, VICTOR, THIS IS YOU...

HISTORICALLY, YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD ANOTHER CARD UP YOUR SLEEVE.

MAGICIAN REFERENCE.



VICTOR, THOUGH OFTEN AT DESPERATE OPDS, YOU AND I, WE HAVE BEEN THROUGH A LOT TOGETHER...

WITH RESPECT, I'VE BEEN THERE FOR SOME OF YOUR DARKEST HOURS...

I'VE SEEN YOU--WITH NOTHING LEFT BUT THE ARMOR MELTING ON YOUR BARE SKIN--RAGE INTO THE FACE OF HELL ITSELF.

I'VE SEEN YOU FIGHT A--



I UNDERSTAND!

I UNDERSTAND AND REMEMBER EVERY SELFISH, TERRIBLE THING I, VICTOR VON DOOM, HAVE EVER SAID OR DONE TO YOU OR OTHERS!

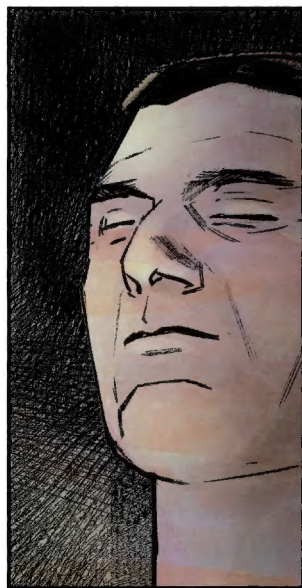
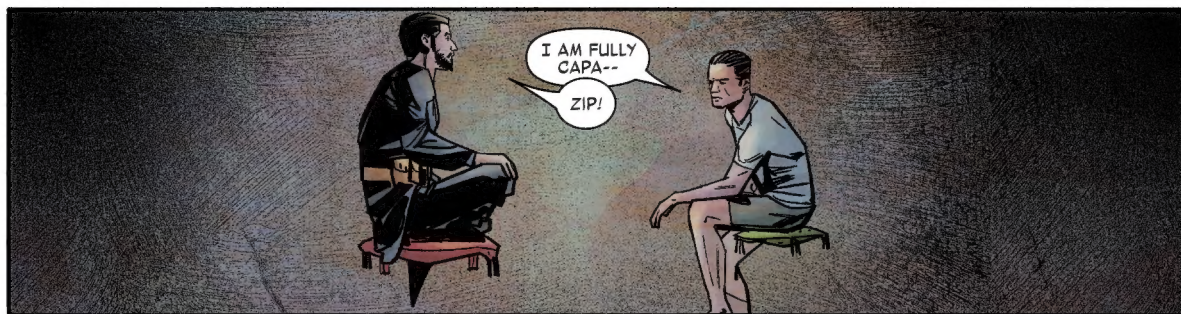
AND I KNOW THAT MY ATTEMPT TO "TURN IT AROUND," AS IT HAS BEEN SO CHEERFULLY DESCRIBED TO ME, IS, YES, A "MONUMENTAL LONG SHOT."

I KNOW I AM A MOCKERY NOW AND I HAVE NO ONE TO BLAME BUT MYSELF!













STRANGE,  
WHAT WILL WE FIND  
HERE?

YOUR  
MOTHER.

MY--?  
OH, YOU  
HEARD.

YOUR  
MOTHER.  
REED  
RICHARDS.

BEN  
GRIMM.

YOU.

I FEAR  
AT LEAST ONE OF  
THESE PEOPLE IS NOT  
WHO THEY SAY  
THEY ARE.

YOU AND  
I ARE MASTER  
SORCERERS--TOGETHER,  
WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO  
REVEAL A TRUTH  
OR TWO.

YOU DON'T  
THINK I'VE *TRIED*  
*THIS?*

VICTOR, AS  
MUCH AS IT MAY PAIN  
YOU, I *AM* THE SORCERER  
SUPREME IN THIS  
DIMENSION.

IT  
*DOES* PAIN  
ME.

AND, AS  
ALWAYS, IT PAINS  
ME THAT IT PAINS  
YOU.

BUT  
I CAN HELP  
YOU.

IT IS MY  
OATH.

OATH?  
SEE? RIGHT  
THERE! THE MYSTIC  
ARTS ARE NOT  
FOR--

VICTOR,  
FOCUS.





IT'S GREAT  
HAVIN' YA BACK  
HERE, AGENT  
GRIMM.  
WE GOTTA  
GET OUR GAME  
GOIN' AGAIN.

YEAH,  
POSE WERE GOOD  
TIMES.



PROJECT PEGASUS  
COMMUNICATIONS STATION.

ARE THEY  
HAVING A STARING  
CONTEST?

CAN  
THEY HEAR  
US?

NAH. WE'RE  
WATCHING THEM  
THROUGH 27 FEET  
OF ROCK.



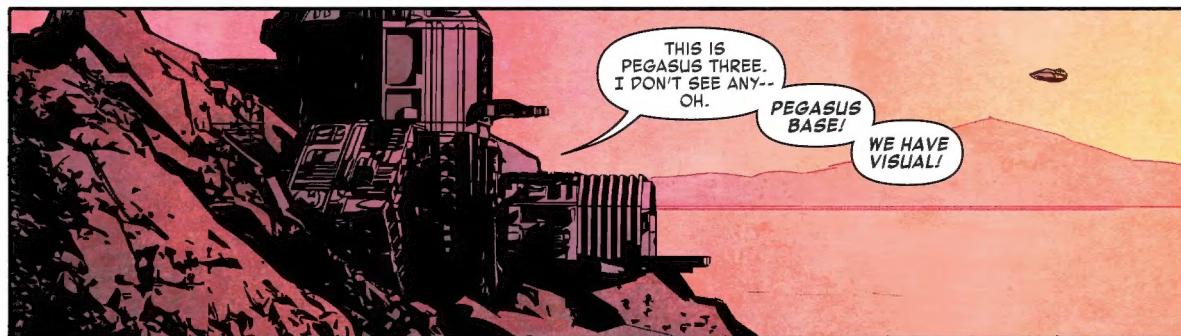
DOCTOR  
DOOM!

I THOUGHT  
HAVING YOU AND  
DOCTOR STRANGE  
HERE WOULD MAKE  
ME FEEL BETTER,  
BUT--

YEAH, I'M  
A LITTLE FREAKED  
OUT.

HOLD ON, WHOA--  
PEGASUS ONE, I HAVE A  
BOGIE IN THE SKY.

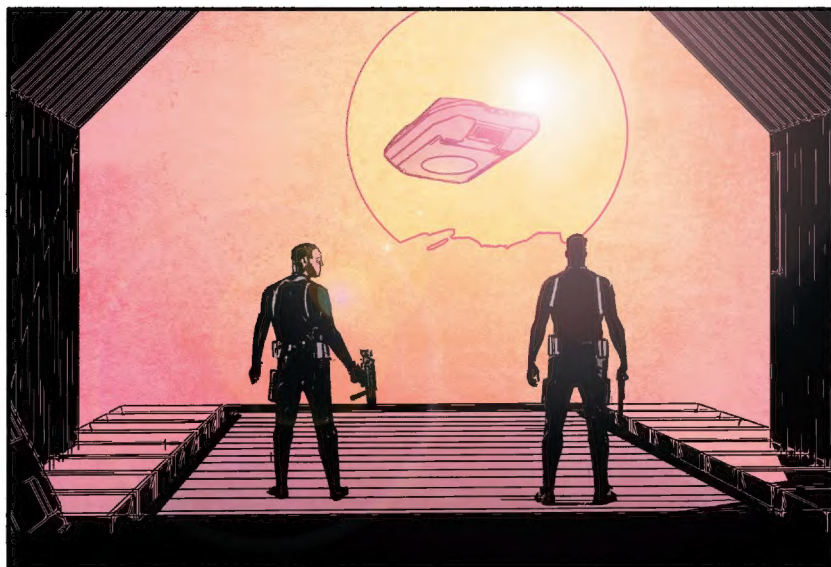
DO  
YOU HAVE  
VISUAL?



THIS IS  
PEGASUS THREE.  
I DON'T SEE ANY--  
OH.

PEGASUS  
BASE!

WE HAVE  
VISUAL!



SWEET  
PETUNIA  
@#&\$%&!

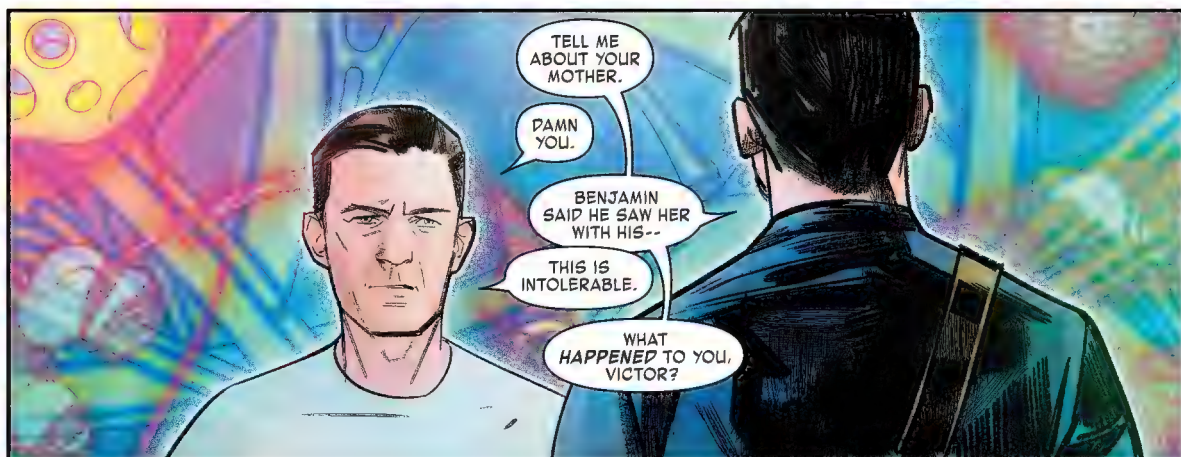




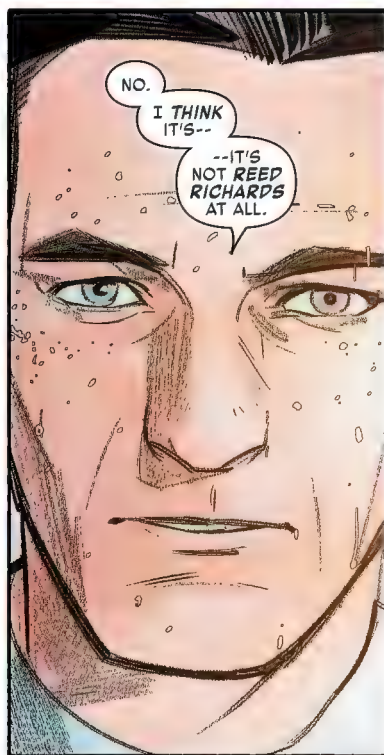
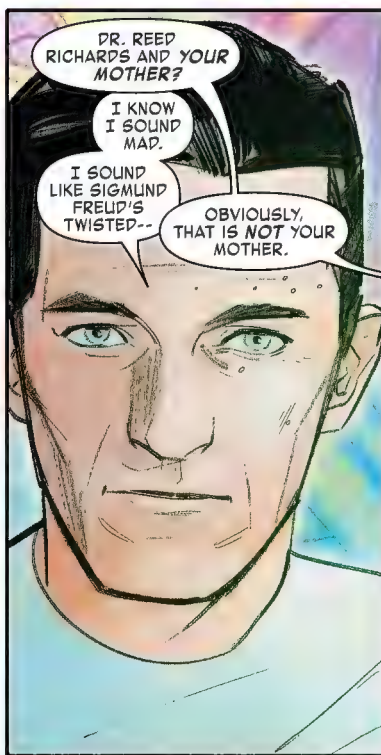
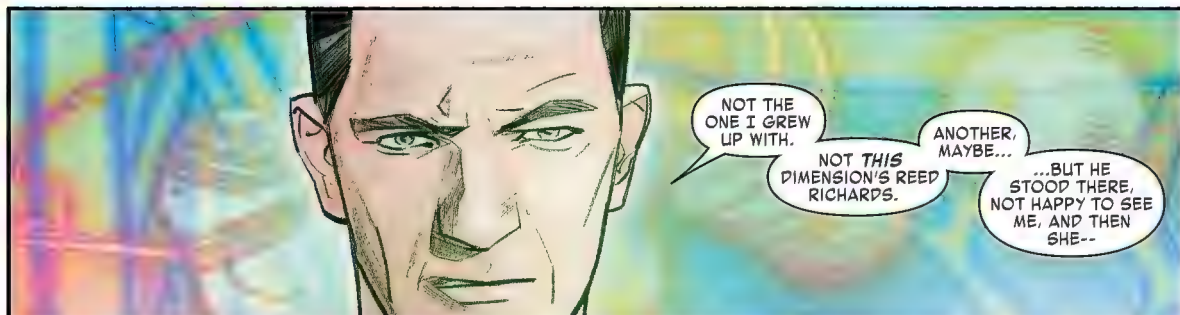
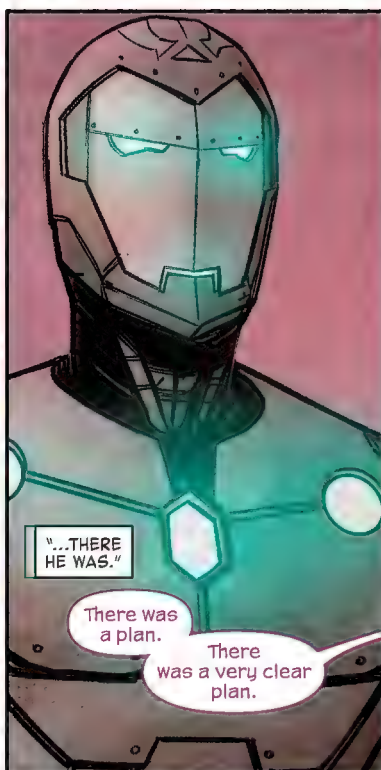
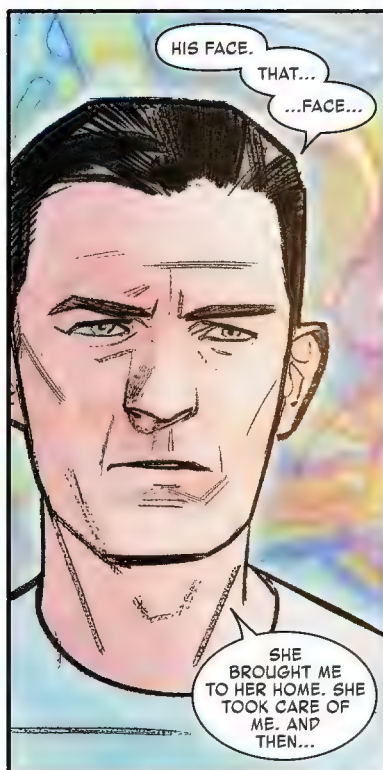




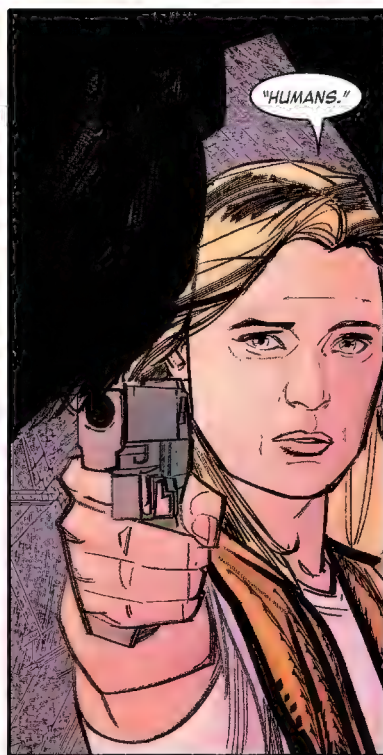
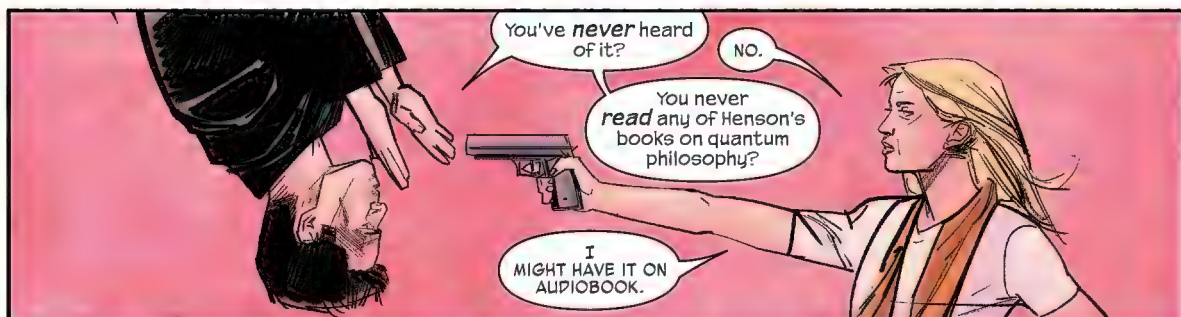




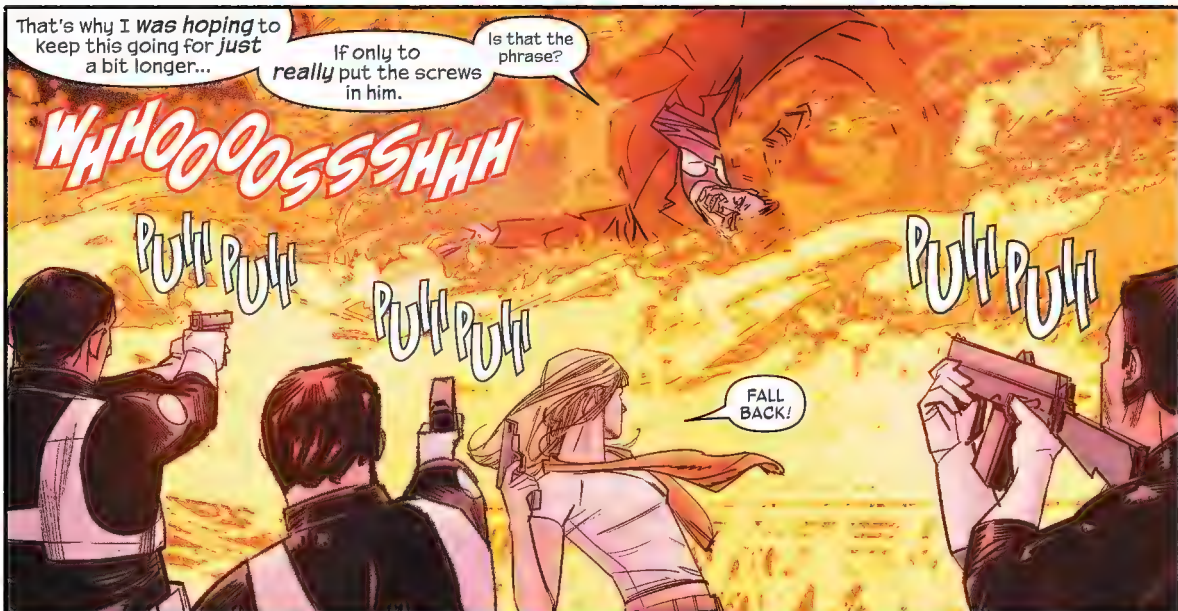




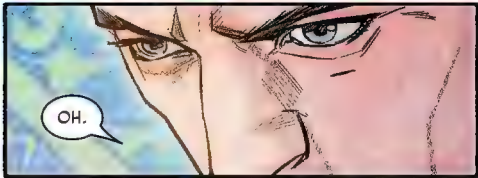
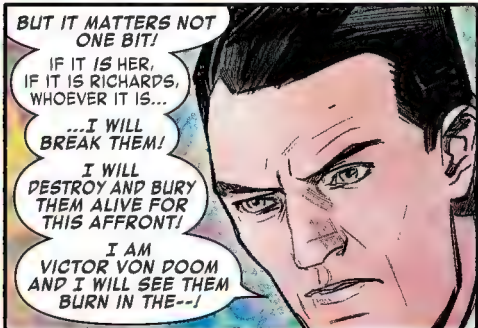
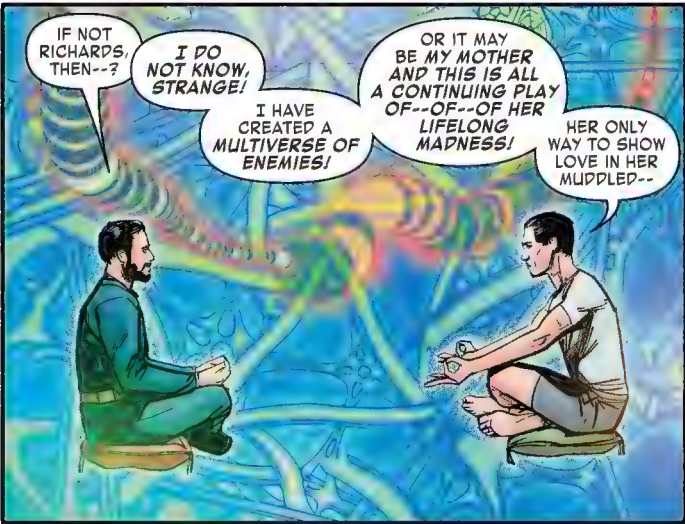




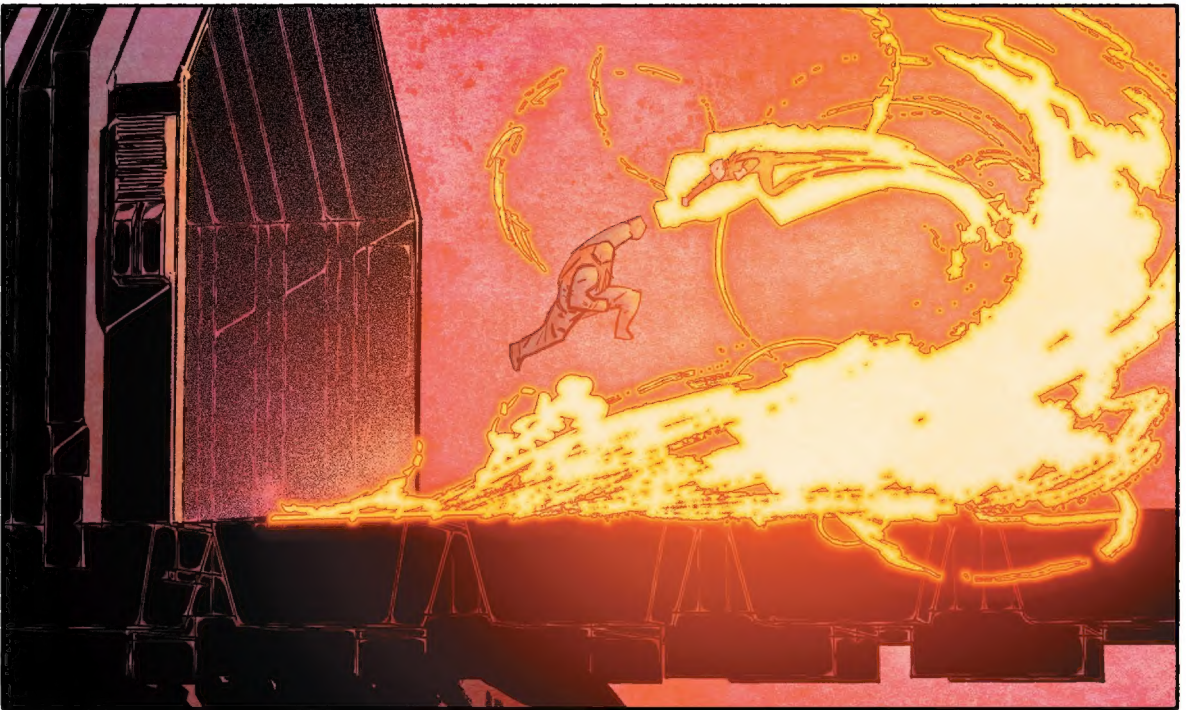




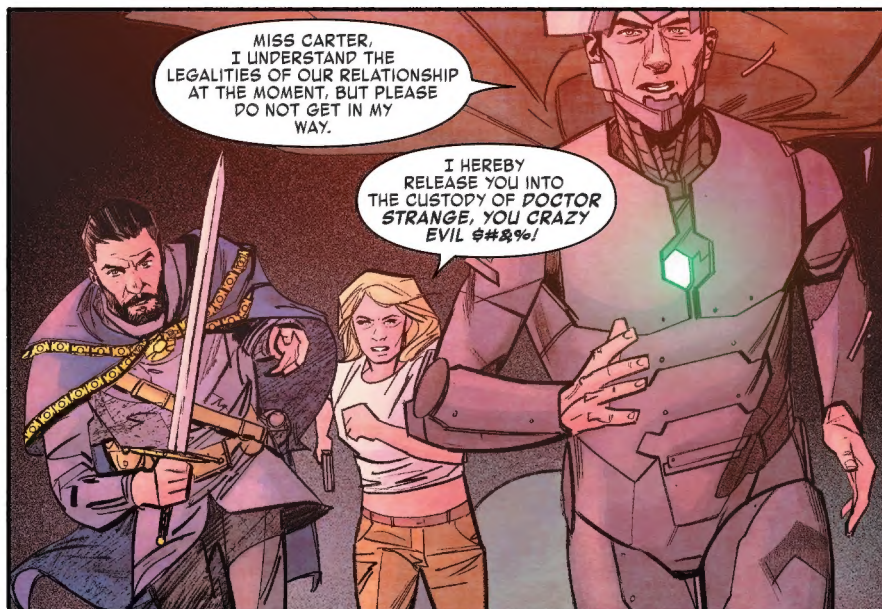






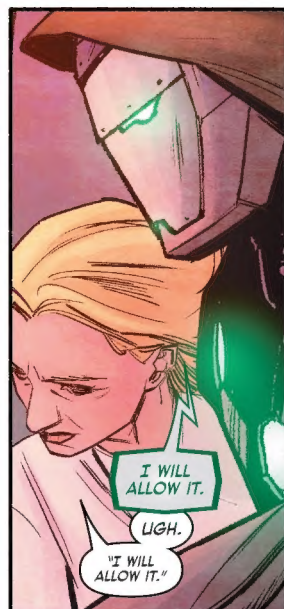






MISS CARTER,  
I UNDERSTAND THE  
LEGALITIES OF OUR RELATIONSHIP  
AT THE MOMENT, BUT PLEASE  
DO NOT GET IN MY  
WAY.

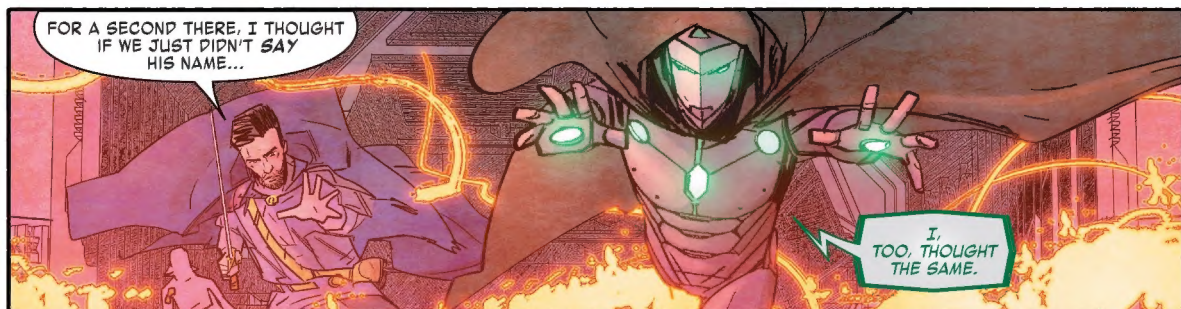
I HEREBY  
RELEASE YOU INTO  
THE CUSTODY OF DOCTOR  
STRANGE, YOU CRAZY  
EVIL ㄟ##&#!



I WILL  
ALLOW IT.

LIGH.

"I WILL  
ALLOW IT."



FOR A SECOND THERE, I THOUGHT  
IF WE JUST DIDN'T SAY  
HIS NAME...

I.  
TOO, THOUGHT  
THE SAME.



STOP THIS  
CHARADE!

REVEAL  
YOURSELF,  
COWARD!



Coward?  
Come on!

These are  
pretty elaborate  
steps I've taken  
here.

It's  
almost flattering  
to you.

All I  
needed was  
more time...





...BUT  
YOU KNOW YOUR  
MOTHER.

OH YEAH,  
THAT'S RIGHT,  
YOU DON'T.

BUT DID YOU  
REALLY THINK  
THAT THE LORD OF  
HADES, MEPHISTO OF THE  
DARK REALM, WAS GOING  
TO LET YOU EVEN TRY  
TO REDEEM YOUR  
ROTTED SOUL?

YOU HAVE  
DEFIED ME AND  
BEATEN ME AT  
EVERY TURN,  
VICTOR...

I WAS  
WILLING TO  
WAIT FOR YOU, BUT  
THERE IS NO WAY  
IN HELL...

(AND  
WHEN I SAY THAT  
I ACTUALLY  
MEAN IT.)

...THAT I AM  
GOING SIT BACK  
AND LET YOU WORM  
YOUR WAY OUT OF  
YOUR CURSED  
FATE!

TO BE CONCLUDED!



# NEXT ISSUE:



# NO GOOD DEED!